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In particular, the above captioned application includes claims copied from U.S. Patent No. 6,751,563 for the purposes of interference. The above captioned application was then subject to an Office Action, dated July 19, 2004 and a Supplemental Office Action, dated August 20, 2004, in which the copied claims were rejected by the Examiner. A response to the outstanding office action was included with the February 9, 2005 petition. On October 6, 2006, a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was received indicating that February 9, 2005

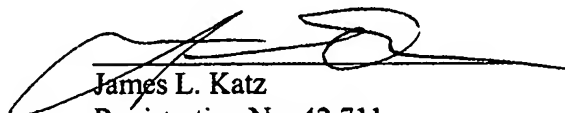
response was not fully responsive to the prior office action. Accordingly, a fully compliant response to the office actions of July 19, 2004 and August 20, 2004 is included herewith. In light of the rejections in the Office Actions of July 19, 2004 and August 20, 2004, Applicants have filed a request for reexamination of U.S. Patent No. 6,751,563 which was ordered on December 10, 2004 as Re-Exam Serial No. 90/007,227. Applicants are requesting a three (3) month suspension of action in the above captioned case pending the outcome of the reexamination of U.S. Patent No. 6,751,563.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if it would expedite the prosecution of this application.

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